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Supply of drinking water to Madras City

* 115 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the sources of supply of drinking water to Madras City;

(*b*) the measures proposed to be taken to augment the supply of drinking water to Madras City; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to carry water from Poondi Reservoir to Red Hills Lake through pipes?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Red Hills and Cholavaram lakes and Satyamoorthi Sagar at Poondi.

(*b*) & (*c*) Investigation is being conducted to bring the Cauvery waters to the Madras City. Utilising the waters of Pennar in Andhra Pradesh is another long-term measure under consideration. Certain short-term measures, namely carrying water from Poondi and Cholavaram in closed pipes and acquisition of irrigation rights under Cholavaram and Red hill tanks are also under consideration.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is it under the consideration of the Government to have overhead tanks in certain parts of the city where water through taps does not reach?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : We are now concerned with augmenting the supply of water at the source. The main question does not relate to the distribution of water.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : My suggestion is that if we have wells in certain parts, and if water is lifted to overhead tanks and supplied to other parts of the city, it will ease the position. Since the population of the city is increasing, the Red Hills lake and other sources cannot meet fully the requirements of water in the city.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : That is true. But that is not the main question.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Clause (*b*) of the question refers to the measures proposed to be taken.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have already given the answer.

Grazing ground Porambokes

Mr. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question, namely, Sri S. K. Sambandhan, is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings.

* 116 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government maintain a list of grazing ground porambokes in the villages;